

STATE ADMINISTRATION

Exhibit No. 7

Date 2/11/09

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Hello, my name is Eli Ticknor, and I am 15 years old. I am here to ask you to please ~~table~~ SJ18 ~~Bill No. 18~~.

Please vote against having a state dog. It is unnecessary legislation that will not improve the lives of Montanans.

We like dogs, and we have a golden lab. Just because a lot of people, including us, like dogs doesn't mean that we need to have one as a state symbol. There are also a lot of people that don't like dogs. We should have a reason and mostly a need for any new legislation. We do not have a need for a state dog.

I know that part of the reason for this bill is to encourage kids to get involved in the legislative process, like when the grizzly bear was designated. But if we pass a bill just because it involves kids or just because it has been done before, then it sets a standard that will be very hard to change or stop later.

Please vote to table SJ18 since it is unnecessary legislation.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony,
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